

Finance and Administration Cabinet Newsletter

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Franklin Co. Residents can Visit KY Horse Park for Free

Free Admission During County Days Celebration August 5-11, 2013

The Kentucky Horse Park invites Franklin Co. residents to visit the park for free during a new County Days celebration, August 5-11, 2013. A valid Franklin County driver's license will give the driver and other family members free general admission to the Kentucky Horse Park and the American Saddlebred Museum, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day of the week.

Residents will have the opportunity to enjoy the park's many regular, daily activities that are included in general admission such as the popular Hall of Champions Presentation, the Horses of the World Show, and the Horse-Drawn Trolley Tour. Included also are the International Museum of the Horse, a Smithsonian Affiliate; the American Saddlebred Museum, home of Kentucky's first native breed of horse; and, the Wheeler Museum in the United States Hunter Jumper Association headquarters (Monday to Friday only).

In addition, residents may visit the Big Barn, Kids Barn, and Mounted Police Barn, visit with the park's farrier, watch the movie "Rein of Nobility," catch a horse show or simply explore the park's more than 1,200 acres of paddocks and fields.



Additional park activities such as horseback riding, pony rides and horse farm tours are available at the regular daily charge. No rain checks will be issued to residents who cannot attend during the August 5 - 11 period. This admission is not valid with any other offer. Parking is not included.

For more information on County Days, contact the park at 859-233-4303 or visit www.KyHorsePark.com.

Congratulations to LTC Loren Paul Sommerfield



LTC Loren (Paul) Sommerfield, a systems engineer in the Systems Software Branch of COT, recently graduated with a *Master of Strategic Studies* from the United States Army War College. The awards ceremony was held July 26, 2013, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Paul, who is currently in the Army Reserve, has 23 total years of military service in the Army with 8 years active and 15 years reserve. His current rank is Lieutenant Colonel, which he was promoted to in December 2008.

Paul has 15 years total service with Kentucky state government. He started with COT in September 1999 after working for the State Fair Board. Paul, his wife, Valerie, and son, David, live in Frankfort.

State Fleet Vehicle Auction Aug. 6; State Garage Closed

Nearly 225 vehicles and several pallets of used tires are slated to be auctioned off starting at 10 a.m. on Aug. 6, at the State Service Garage, 513 Barrett St. in Frankfort. Among the many makes and models are 2-wheel drive, 4-wheel drive, pickups, vans, SUVs and cars. Click here for details. The **state garage will be closed** starting at noon on Monday, Aug. 5, and all day on Tuesday, Aug. 6, for the state fleet public auction. The garage will reopen on Aug. 7, at 7 a.m.

Fifth Annual Governor's Ambassador Award Nominations due Aug. 31

It is time to once again recognize those who are making a difference! The Governor's Ambassador Award highlights stories of state employees who have significantly and positively impacted the lives of others.

Nominations can be made in the areas of customer service, courage, leadership, professional achievement, teamwork (two or more employees), or community service and volunteerism. Those presently employed or employed within the past 12 months by any of the three branches of government are eligible.

Find nomination forms <u>here</u>, or contact the Personnel Cabinet at (502) 564-5954. Nominations may be made by an employee or private citizen.



Each recipient will be honored during a special ceremony and with a personalized engraved brick placed along Ambassador Avenue outside the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

The deadline to submit a nomination is Aug. 31.

Vacation Photos Far and Near

Bill Mingus, maintenance superintendent with the Dept. for Facilities and Support Services, shared some photos of trips he and his wife, Heather, have taken recently.

Share your vacation photos!







REMINDER: Blood Drive, Friday, Aug. 2

The Kentucky Blood Center's blood drive is tomorrow, **Aug. 2** from **8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** The blood drive will be in the State Office Building auditorium. Appointments to donate may be scheduled on the Kentucky Blood Center website by clicking <u>here</u> and using sponsor code 037-110 or by calling 502-564-7824. **Priority will be given to those with scheduled appointments.**



Go to https://personnel.ky.gov/Pages/Blood-Donation-Calendar-.aspx for details on employee leave for blood donations.

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